GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2007-08 the Government has included any ancient structure of Maharashtra in the list of already protected monuments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of already protected monuments located in Maharashtra;

(c) the amount spent on the maintenance of the said monuments during last financial year;

(d) the revenue earned by the Government from the said monuments during last financial year; and

(e) the norms for declaring any structure as protected monuments?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) There are 285 monuments/sites declared as of national importance in Maharashtra. No new site was included during 2007-08. The details of centrally protected monuments in Maharashtra are at Annexure.

(c) A total amount of Rs.974.29 lakhs, including Rs.294.29 lakhs under the Japan Bank of International Co-operation project, was spent on conservation and maintenance of these monuments during the year 2007-08.

(d) There are sixteen ticketed monuments. An amount of Rs.410.64 lakhs was earned through entrance fee during the year 2007-08.

(e) Under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, ancient monuments which are of historical, archaeological or artistic interest and which have been in existence for not less than 100 years can be declared as monuments of national importance.